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Dear Fellow Arkansans,

As you may already know, the Arkansas legislature passed a historical piece of legislation during the recent special session. The Clean Indoor Air Act of 2006 (Act 8) is a huge step forward for public health in Arkansas. Act 8 restricts smoking in all public worksites to protect employees and the public from the harms of secondhand smoke. We commend our Governor and legislators for taking on such a monumental task. Thanks to them and many other public health advocates Arkansans will soon have a safer place to live and work. You can access Act 8 on the Healthy Arkansas website [www.healthyarkansas.com](http://www.healthyarkansas.com).

However, with such proactive legislation come lots of questions and concerns. This is to be expected and the Arkansas Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) is here to address your concerns and answer questions. In order to provide you the most current information, the DHHS is working through the implementation phase of Act 8. A toll free number and website will be provided to allow for questions to be submitted and potential violations to be reported. Information on the actual legislation, secondhand smoke and other health-related information will also be available.

It is our goal to provide every Arkansan with the helpful information in a way that is easy for you to access. Please know that we are doing everything we can to make this transition as seamless as possible.

More information will be posted so please stay tuned.

Sincerely,

Paul K. Halverson, DrPH  
Director of Health & State Health Officer